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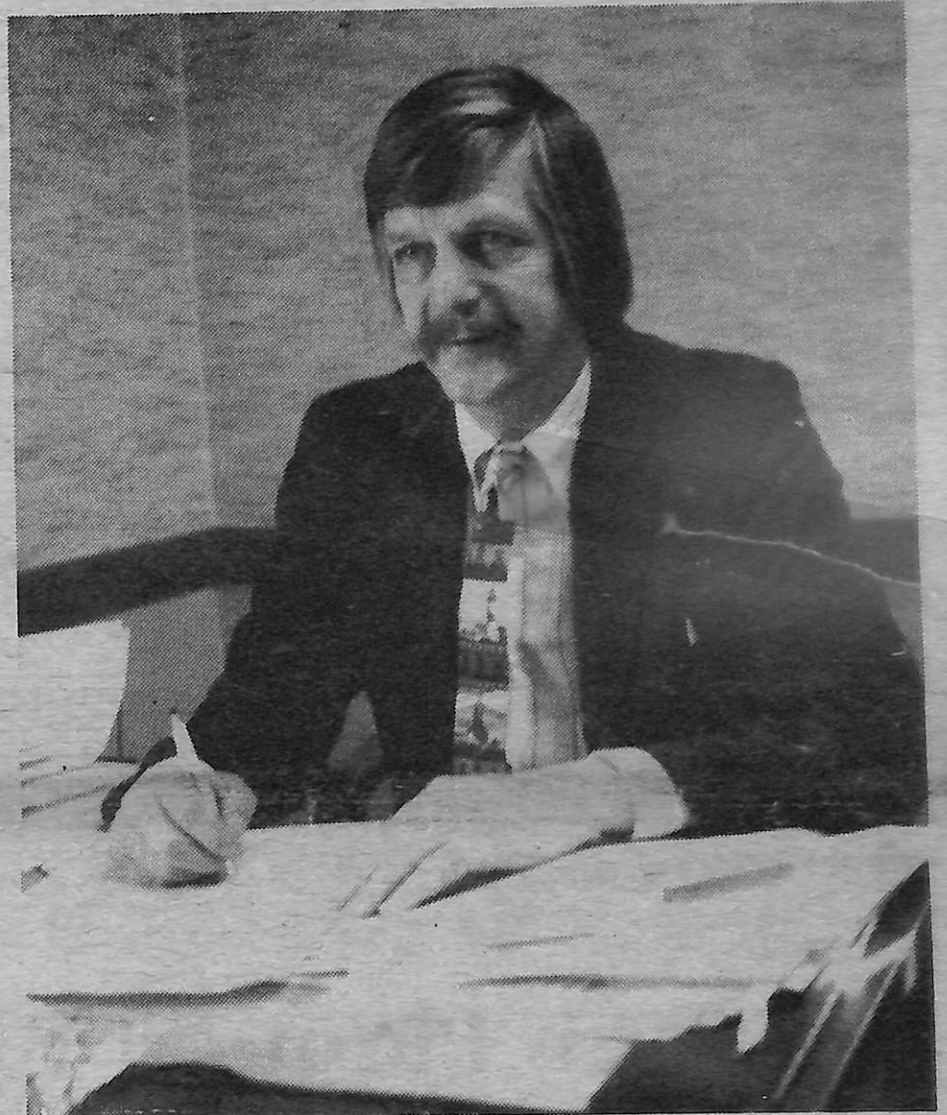
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Westman Plagued By Malcontents



His Problems And Accomplishments

(Story on Page 2)

Appearing on page 2 is part one of a series of articles concerning Agawam's town government, and the personalities involved.

The series in order of their appearance will consist of:

1. Westman, his problems, and what he has accomplished.
2. The Moreno, Davilli, Rheault troika.
3. The Citizens for Good Government, its leadership and political activities.
4. Agawam's representatives in the General Court, Senator Alan Sistisky and Representative Edward Connelly.

Graham Coming On

Billy Graham, the evangelist, spoke plain truth with surprising frankness in Miami recently. It's good to hear from him finally what many have been waiting to hear for years.

Graham scoffed at the often-taught theory Jesus didn't drink wine; that instead he drank grape juice. Scholars and theologians have known this was incorrect for some time, of course. But some felt the issue too controversial, didn't speak out.

But the grape juice chorus continued from some well-meaning preachers, some evangelists and from many relatively uneducated individuals. With people like Billy Graham now at last coming out with admissions about the grape juice theory, the truth seems certain to permeate all levels of religious thinking.

One should not confuse the grape juice theory, of course, with the rights and wrongs concerning the use of alcohol. Graham says he takes a drink occasionally and so do Catholic priests, Episcopal rectors, Lutheran ministers, many Methodists and others. (Baptists have until now been the most vocal in opposition to alcoholic drinks and in behalf of the grape juice idea.)

But whether one uses alcohol in any form, and when, are questions for the individual. Laying to rest the hokum about grape juice and Jesus doesn't constitute an endorsement of alcoholic beverages, which are often abused. It merely gets more of us closer to the truth—sometimes difficult to discern in the emotionalism and blind faith of some religious doctrines.

Have A Heart

The American Heart Association continues its national educational campaign to create public awareness and recognition of the early warning signs of heart attack.

Since heart attack is the greatest killer in the United States (more than 660,000 annually), all should be interested in telltale signs which give the first indication of its approach. The AHA says the most common warnings are: (1) Prolonged, oppressive pain or discomfort in the center of the chest; (2) Pain radiation to the shoulder, arm, neck or jaw; (3) Sweating accompanying the pain, perhaps nausea, vomiting or shortness of breath.

These symptoms, the AHA says, often subside and return again at a later time. Those experiencing the symptoms should call a doctor at once, because the first hours of a heart attack are often the most critical, and the time in which the most can be done to limit damage.

The AHA campaign is set for February but awareness of warning signs of heart attack should be stressed twelve months a year; executives between the ages of 35 and 64 are most vulnerable, but all in that age bracket are highly vulnerable.

NEWS NOTES

MARRIAGE ENDS

WHITING, IND.—Kurt and Karen Benninghoff have called it quits after 16 years of marriage. Their divorce means the state will pay medical bills to treat Mrs. Benninghoff's multiple sclerosis.

HOT IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—When the temperature dropped 23 degrees in one hour, everybody cheered. Searing northwest winds made Jan. 30 the hottest day in 13 years. The high in Sydney was 104.7 degrees Fahrenheit and Suburban Liverpool, 25 miles to the south, went all the way to 108 degrees.

WAGES & INFLATION

Wage settlements negotiated in 1976 were smaller than in 1975 but still nearly twice the inflation rate last year, the Labor Department reported.

ECONOMY SLUMP

The economy in the final three months of 1976 turned in its worst performance since the recession, the Commerce Department reported.

SIKES LOSES CHAIR

Proponents of the ethics code for members of Congress claimed a victory as House Democrats voted to oust Rep. Robert L.F. Sikes of Florida from a key subcommittee chairmanship.

SOLAR PLANT IN FRANCE

PARIS—France inaugurated its first operational solar generating plant and claimed a head start in what officials here predict will be a race with the United States to sell sun power to the Arabs and the Third World.

Town Treasurer Raps Former Rep.

Walter T. Kerr For Larceny Statement

Town Treasurer David C. Gallano rebutted a statement made last Thursday by former Representative Walter T. Kerr. The statement, reported by a Springfield Daily News reporter, was at first attributed to Councilmen Arthur Kerr who was not at the meeting which was called by an ad hoc committee, The Citizens For Good Government.

The meeting was attended by Councilors Anita Davilli and Valentine R. Moreno who were critical of the town manager and the management of the town.

Councilor Davilli has been vocal during the past year in calling for a State Audit of Agawam's finances. Former

Rep. Kerr, at the meeting, also called for an audit of the town finances citing that there has not been an audit since the new form of government was installed in 1973.

Kerr went on to say that there should be a priority which would put Agawam on top of the list. "We may have an indication of larceny here," he said.

Treasurer Gallano, upon reading Kerr's remarks, lashed back and called for an "apology from Kerr for indicating that there is some wrong doing in the handling of the Town finances." He said "after all I'm the individual who handles the finances and I don't intend to let him or anyone else cast aspersions on me or this office as long as I'm the

treasurer."

In reference to the audit, Gallano went on to say, "I welcome an audit if for no other reason than to prove to the residents of the town the caliber of some of the people we have to deal with on the council and in the 'Citizens for Good Government' committee."

Councilman Arthur Kerr, a cousin of Walter Kerr, called the committee "a petition happy vindictive crowd."

Gallano said, "There is nothing wrong with the town finances," we were audited by the state four years ago." He further stated "the normal auditing procedure by the state is every three to four years, and as far as I'm concerned the sooner they come in the better."



"WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN."

Westman Plagued By Malcontents

James D. Westman, Agawam's first Town Manager, arrived in the town in October of 1972 after having served as Deputy City Administrator in the city of Plainfield, New Jersey, population 50,000.

It is doubtful that he would have accepted the job had he known of the existent political climate. The town government, prior to World War II, was controlled by Republican administrations and since by Democrats. Both practiced the spoils system. Boards of Selectmen, doing their best on a part-time basis to operate the fastest-growing community in Western Massachusetts, found themselves involved in complex Federal and State grants, etc. Lack of day to day supervision allowed the numerous town departments an autonomy that brought about confusion, inefficiency, and duplication.

Selectmen and other major town officials, when seeking election, often encumbered themselves with political obligations, primarily in the police and fire departments. Members of these departments were able to control a substantial block of votes, thereby assuring themselves of a "hands off" policy relative to their departments. They are currently striving to maintain this policy. This puts them in direct conflict with the Town Manager, who, within the framework of the new charter, has been delegated full authority over the administration of all departments.

Unlike former Town Meetings, where 76 of the 180 members were either elective or appointed town employees, the Town Council is in a position to perform its legislative functions without undue pressure from town employees. Yet, some members have persisted in their attempts to become involved in the administrative duties of the Manager. Having failed, they have made a series of unsuccessful attempts to remove him from office.

Their energies were then diverted to harassment, using any and all means, including law suits, which must be defended by the town solicitor and financed by the tax payers. Current points of conflict include lawsuits related to the Manager's plan for reorganization of the departments and the issue as to whether or not Civil Service should be extended to all town employees.

Sixty-four of these employees have petitioned against Civil Service status for their positions.

Westman is an embattled administrator. His wide experience as manager in other communities, his degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh and his education in Public Administration and related fields are now being put to the supreme test by a politically-oriented minority of the Town Council and the recently formed "Citizens For Good Government."

In spite of this, there has been a number of progressive moves in the town government since 1972:

1. One of the first was the reorganization of the Planning Board: four of the five members serving were either builders, developers, or persons involved in real estate transactions, all of which placed them in direct conflict with their positions on the Planning Board.

2. The data processing program was improved by introducing staggered billing of the water bills, thereby maintaining a better cash flow. The water department was also placed on a self-sustaining basis.

3. Upon retirement of the Tax Collector, his responsibilities were assumed by the Town Treasurer, resulting in a salary savings of \$10,000 per year. This allowed the Treasurer to improve control of investments and create greater interest earnings for the town, which contributes additional income to the town by at least \$50,000 per year. Because of this, the town has not had to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, a savings of another \$40,000 per year.

4. Westman's closing of the dump on Main Street brought about considerable criticism from his detractors. Had he accepted the contract offered at that time, today's cost of the dump operation would be \$119,000 per year.

5. The reorganization of the Board of Assessors gave Agawam its first full-time assessor, eliminating one position on the board.

6. Introduction of a new budget submission system effected a better control and a budget which is easier to review.

7. With Council approval, Health and Police Department studies were carried out. While some of the recommendations were effected, others have not been acted upon.

8. Overtime for Police and Firemen has been substantially reduced.

9. Westman's appointment of a Senior Center Building Committee resulted in a joint effort between the Local Housing Authority, the State Department of Elder Affairs, and the Department of Community Affairs, in the construction of the new Senior Center. The town has contributed \$200,000 towards the \$450,000 project. The Center is one of the first of its kind in Massachusetts.

Economic problems facing the state and nation affect the town as well. Westman points out that the cost of the town's business continues to escalate, while its income from the State and Federal level and from local real estate taxes is limited. This limitation has a tendency to curtail needed services and compels the town to live within its means.

In the past three years, Agawam's tax rate has increased by \$2.50, which is extremely favorable in comparison to other cities and towns in Western Mass.

Westman believes there is a necessity to control the town's growth through controlled Housing development. He expects housing construction will resume within two to four years and reach the previous high level. Additional housing will, in most cases, require expanded town services.

He attributes this further development to the town's proximity to Springfield and Hartford, also the availability of land in the town.

The school population continues to increase, although at not as fast a rate as in previous years. Westman believes that the town, with proper planning, should be able to stabilize its growth.

Editor's Note: Part two of this series, appearing in the next issue, entitled "The Moreno, Davilli, Rheault Troika," will focus on the motives and methods of the Town Council's most negative individuals and Westman's prime detractors.

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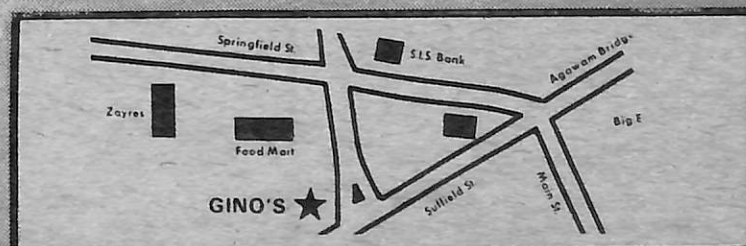
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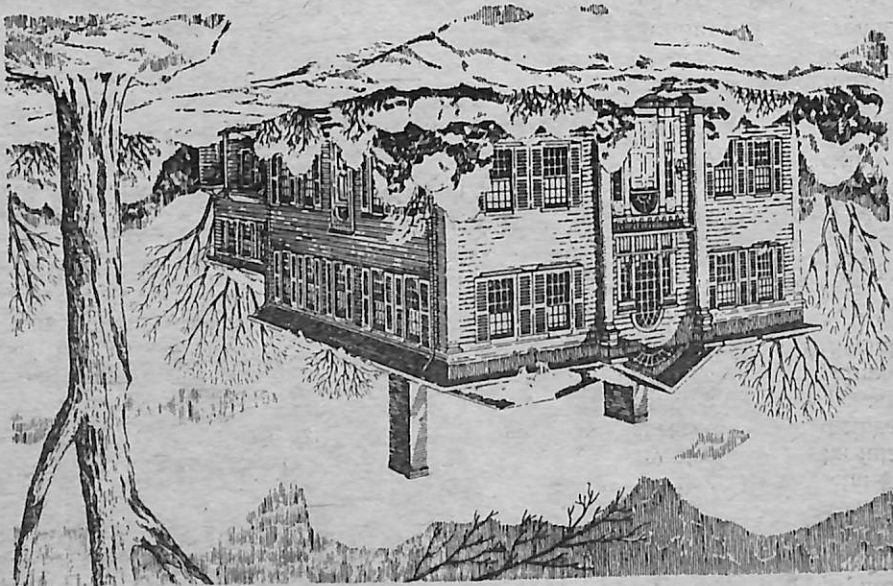
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Since those days, the House changed hands several times; and was finally purchased by Mrs. Minerva Davis, who restored it in 1939 and entrusted it to a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for its financial security and maintenance as a community headquarters for Agawam.

On March 10, 1975, the Leonard House was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places where it takes its place as the only house so designated in Agawam and is thus assured to be a permanent landmark for years to come.

It is the home of the Agawam Senior and Junior Women's Club, the Agawam Historical Society, the Bible Study group, the Agawam Bridge Club and many other local and area groups.

The Agawam Women's Club Centennial Committee has recently been responsible for a complete redecoration of the South parlor and the Historical Society is now contributing to the redecoration of the Old Kitchen and the reflooring of the working kitchen.

Other clubs and individuals contribute to the financial needs of maintaining the Leonard House by renting the various rooms for meetings, showers and weddings held there.

Henry and Mary Moriarty, the hosts at the House, live in one of the apartments on the second floor. They will be glad to set up dates and provide rental information to individuals or groups who are interested in using the House for luncheons, teas, dinners, bridge parties, meetings, weddings or other social gatherings.

PICNIC FAVORITE— DOUBLE RICH CHOCOLATE CAKE



Chocolate cake is nearly everybody's first choice for a picnic dessert. Double Rich Chocolate Cake tastes like the kind of devil's food cake that wins blue ribbons at the fair, but this moist, rich cake is much easier to make. It starts with new Devil's Food Basic Bundt* Cake Mix. The kit contains high quality cake mix, plus glaze. You can add your own touches or use it for recipe variations.

1 package Pillsbury Devil's Food Basic Bundt*

Cake Mix

3 eggs

1/2 cup water

1/2 cup sour cream

1/3 cup soft margarine or butter or oil

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease bottom only of 13x9-inch pan. In large bowl, blend Packet 1 (Cake Mix) and next four ingredients until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed (portable mixer—use highest speed). Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle semi-sweet chocolate pieces over cake batter. Bake at 350° 30 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on cooling rack. Blend Packet 2 (Glaze Mix) with 1 2/3 tablespoons warm water until smooth. If necessary, add water by drops until glaze reaches desired consistency. Drizzle over cooled cake. Store cake loosely covered. Makes 13x9-inch cake. HIGH ALTITUDE—Above 3500 Feet: Preheat oven to 375°. Add 1/3 cup flour to dry cake mix. Increase water to 1 3/4 cup. Follow directions in basic recipe. Bake at 375° 30-35 minutes.

*Bundt trademark for cake mix used under authority of Nordal Aluminum Products, Inc., Minneapolis, MN.

NEW HORIZONS

BY JANE FORREST

Q: How can I get friends to respect my neighbors and so-called friends to respect my neighbors? I've learned to turn off the telephone bell when I don't want to be disturbed, but some think that since I'm alone now they should drop in to keep my spirits up. My spirits are okay just as they are.

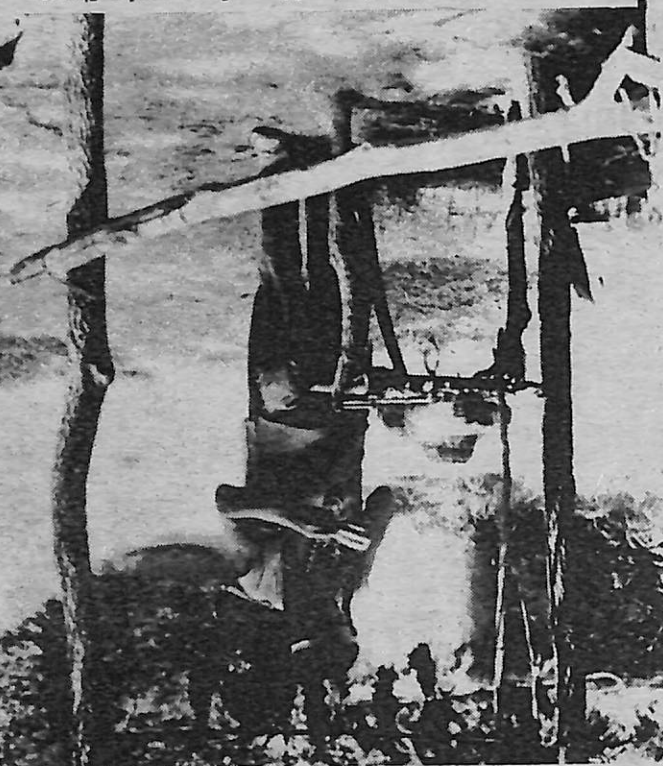
A: It's not easy to stop friends from dropping in, particularly if they feel they are doing good by their visiting.

Is there a pattern to the visiting, such as a certain day or a specific time of day when they usually come? If so, why not be away from the house at those times? This will break their habit, and once that's accomplished, you can have free time at home.

If you like the people enough to want to keep in contact with them, then invite them to visit at a time you choose.

Your success in dealing with this problem will depend upon two factors: first, how determined you are to get time for yourself and second, how highly they value the friends. If they are good friends, they should be willing to accept your honest statement of need for time alone.

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OPEN HOUSE

Harris good choice
for HUD chiefBy JAMES M. WOODARD
Copley News Service

The nomination of Patricia Roberts Harris as the new secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is drawing mixed reaction from real estate industry leaders.

HUD is a vitally important arm of our federal government. Decisions made by the HUD secretary and staff directly affect the lives of millions of Americans, from those who finance the purchase of a new home with a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration to families who move into a new town created with the financial backing of HUD.

Patricia Harris, 52, has an extensive educational, legal and business background — but little experience in complex housing matters. Therein lies the problem, in the view of some industry leaders.

As a sampling of viewpoints from key groups, the homebuilders think she lacks needed experience in housing. Realtors like the nominee selection.

"We are disappointed that President Carter did not see fit to select for the HUD secretary a person with demonstrated experience and expertise in housing and ur-

ban development," said the president of the National Association of Home Builders.

"Mrs. Harris' record and career indicate that she is an extremely capable person and an able attorney, but without knowledge or experience in the housing field," the NAHB president added.

The president of the National Association of Realtors takes a different view. "In reviewing the many qualifications of Mrs. Harris to be secretary of HUD, I feel she will bring to this extremely important Cabinet position valuable business background and knowledge which will serve the nation well," he said.

Stressing the increasing importance of the position, the NAR president said, "The real estate and housing construction industry, which represents 10 per cent of the gross national product, has a responsibility with elected and appointed officials of this nation to provide housing for our growing population."

When all the politics and clout-seeking statements are wiped away, Harris appears to be a good choice as HUD secretary. She is a highly intelligent and perceptive leader, with exceptional administrative capabilities. Others in her department will provide an ample supply of

technical housing experience. Also, she understands the housing needs of low income and minority families better than any previous HUD secretary.

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Q. Considering today's high prices, are there still good opportunities in buying and selling land?

A. Definitely. Investing in land parcels can be a great capital gain investment. It can also be a lemon. It's knowledgeable selectivity that makes the big difference — buying the right parcel in the right location at the right time.

A good book was recently published on the subject, "How to Profitably Buy and Sell Land," by Rene A. Henry Jr. It's published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York.

Q. When an apartment tenant pays rent, a portion of that money goes for real estate taxes. Why doesn't he get a tax break on that money, like homeowners do?

A. Many people believe a tenant should be allowed to deduct a portion of his rent payments, since some of it is funneled into reserves for payment of taxes and loan interest. Such a proposal is being considered by legislators. We'll keep you posted on developments.

Although personal replies are impossible, questions from readers are invited. Write: J. M. Woodard, Copley News Service, in care of this newspaper.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Hubby's age won't
affect wife's benefit

Copley News Service

when you were in need of help due to disability. — Mrs. R.L.J.

A. One of the requirements for payment of disability is that the worker must have 20 quarters of coverage out of the 40-quarter period ending with the quarter in which the worker became disabled. Translated in terms of years this would be five out of the 10-year period ending with the quarter of disability.

Since your husband was working in a job covered by Civil Service Retirement for seven years prior to becoming disabled, he could not possibly meet the five out of 10-year requirement necessary for Social Security disability payments.

Q. I went to my company retirement office and asked them how much the company would pay me in retirement benefits. I was told to get an estimate from Social Security and bring it back to the company. Then the company would tell me how much they are going to pay since the company's plan is integrated with Social Security.

Is it legal for the company to do this? — Anon.

A. Many private employers' plans and some local

government retirement plans have retirement benefit formulas which take into account the benefits payable by Social Security. There is nothing illegal in this practice.

In those cases Social Security always pays the full Social Security benefit since the benefit paid by the private or local government employer does not affect the Social Security payment.

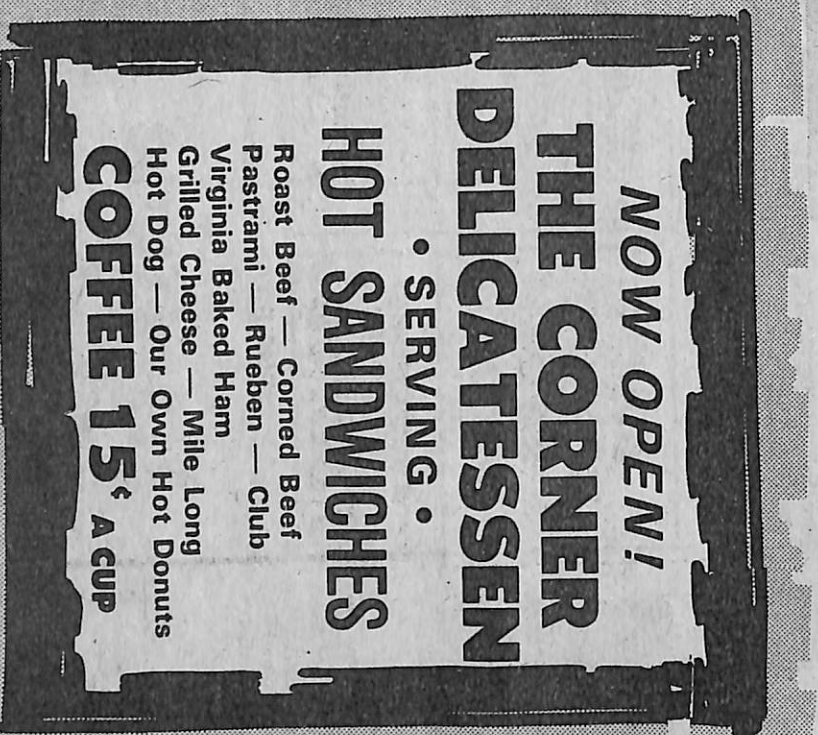
Q. I filed for disability benefits and my application may be turned down because Social Security has rather harsh rules for judging disability claims.

In the event my claim is denied is there anything I can do about it? — D.B.

A. Any decision rendered on a claim may be appealed by filing a Request for Reconsideration. This appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the original decision.

If, after this reconsideration you still disagree with the decision, you may ask for a hearing by an administrative law judge. And, if you're not satisfied with the hearing decision, you may request a review by the Appeals Council. If you're still not satisfied, you may take your case to the federal courts.

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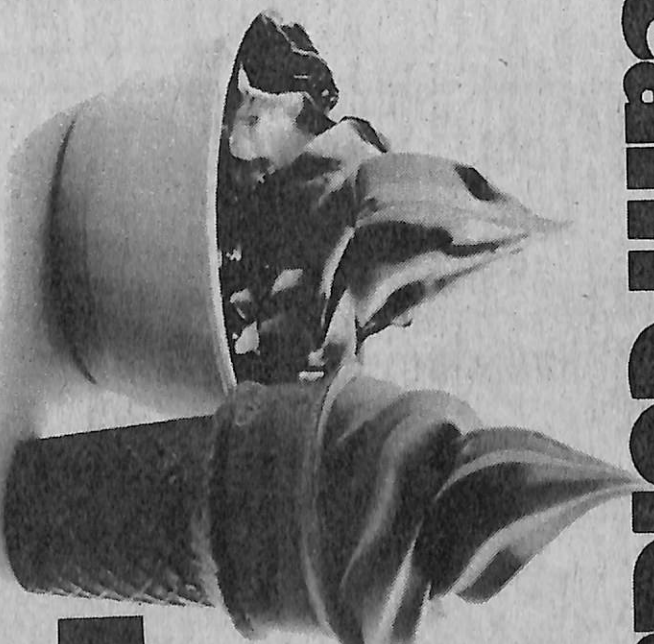
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HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE

Even commercials make Conway cry

By NANCY ANDERSON
Copley News Service

HOLLYWOOD — Tim Conway, funny man in "The Carol Burnett Show" and Disney's "The Shaggy D.A.," claims:

"Comics are super super-sensitive. In a theater, the first people to cry at a scene where you should cry are the comics, and the first people to cry at a scene where you should laugh are the comics. I myself often find tears coming at commercials."

Conway has written eight screen plays, only half of which are comedies.

"George Kennedy read one and didn't believe I wrote it," Tim says. "He said it was the most sensitive piece he'd read in two years."

"Well, now, that made me — the guy in the chicken outfit — feel pretty good."

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Recovered from the illness which hospitalized her in London, Tammy Wynette's been visiting Burt Reynolds in Florida.

She and Burt are such buddies, Tammy may open his new club in Atlanta. Whether she does or not will depend upon how well the opening date fits into her crowded schedule.

Burt's ranch house in Florida, incidentally, was built in 1923 for a member of the Capone mob.

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★ ★ ★ NEXT WEEK'S ★ ★ ★ HOROSCOPE

By Clay R. Pollan

FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, FEB. 14, 1977
If your birthday occurs this week . . . you are sound in your thinking. Everything you do bears the stamp of character, persistence, honor. You are capable of achieving wide recognition for talents.

Aries Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 **Pluto** ☿
Aspects indicate a pleasantly sociable period, when existing relationships strengthen and when rewarding new friendships start up. Favor the companionship of acquaintances older than yourself. Friends could draw wrong conclusions or get wrong impression. Be clear.

Taurus Apr. 20 - May 20 **Venus** ♀
Your work goes well now, and you'll probably win special praise from friends or superiors. Push ahead with preparations affecting your career. You are thinking and working along right lines. A chance to prove your ability to someone in authority comes.

Gemini May 21 - June 20 **Mercury** ☿
Begin to organize finances along better lines. Revise budget downward, devote a larger amount to savings. Figure out new ways to make more money. It's worth taking a stake in a new business adventure. Expenses continue to mount, but money prospects are good.

Cancer June 21 - July 22 **Moon** ☾
Pleasant surprises are due this week. A member of the opposite sex is likely to be involved. One who means much to you draws closer to your heart. A chance to take a secret commission on a deal is indicated. Any trips undertaken now will have an inspiring effect.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22 **Sun** ☼
If you have a losing proposition on hand, let go of it. Inflated prices continue to cause problems, and you must cut the cloth to fit. Forget buying personal luxuries, postpone home improvements, eat at moderately priced restaurants. Money problems will soon ease up.

Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 **Mercury** ☿
The green light "to go" shines brightly for you this week. Transform your ideas into action. Make new starts and follow through aggressively. As you move faster, you gain impetus. Persons at the top recognize your capabilities and are willing to make room for you.

Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 **Venus** ♀
You could, if persistent, strike pay dirt this week. Key is to analyze, dig beneath the surface, and be adult enough to know you get nothing for nothing. Go all out to be sociable, entertain in your home and give friends a warm welcome. Travel is favored.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 **Mars** ♂
You may feel a strong need to ask a favor. If it's money you need, it may be granted graciously. If it's an unusual personal favor, don't press too hard if it's refused. Be very honorable about following the terms of an agreement. Honest effort paves road to success.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 **Jupiter** ♃
Perhaps you have become aware that you have been too timid or too self-deprecating in the past. Brace up and have more confidence in yourself! You can exploit to their fullest extent your capabilities or the fine opportunities which come your way. Forge ahead.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 **Saturn** ♄
Activities accelerate. It'll be a busy week, a time when you'll make valuable new contacts and get things going properly. Your personal magnetism is accentuated. People want to hear you, want to meet you. You're growing in stature and have more bargaining power.

Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 **Uranus** ♅
A time to lie low and recharge. Do more listening than talking. People will be calling some fast "signals." Read them correctly and take advantage of their meaning. You get more breathing room now and respite from pressure. Avoid anything emotionally disturbing.

Pisces Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 **Neptune** ♆
A fortunate week for you generally. You get your way in almost all things. You organize effectively, get priorities in order, and know when to start action. You can achieve much now with little effort. See that you show yourself in best possible light. Carry on!

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This is no reflection on Burt Reynolds, but Mort Engelberg, producer of his latest picture, "Smokey and the Bandit" for Universal, admits that he sometimes feels guilty, because he's working in something as frothy as the entertainment business.

Having been special assistant to Sargent Shriver in the Peace Corps, Shriver's assistant in the Office of Economic Opportunity and a member of the Presidential Task Force for the War on Poverty, Engelberg is drawn to government service.

He'd even consider running for the Senate if he could qualify in a state with a minimal number of registered voters.

"Somewhere like Montana," he thinks.

Meanwhile he's preparing to make a movie based on a real-life guy with degrees in music and criminology who's a championship player of both bridge and chess and who's a professional bounty hunter.

"The first time I visited this man," says Engelberg, "he had a record on, an obscure passage from Bach."

"He explained its intricacies to me, and while he discussed Bach he was cleaning a machine gun."

The producer thinks Gregory Peck would be super in the bounty hunter role.

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Alan Alda of "M-A-S-H" will play Caryl Chessman in a Columbia Pictures TV production "Kill Me If You Can," a movie for NBC based on "the red light bandit" case. . . . James Michener's mammoth novel, "Hawaii," will come to ABC television as a mini-series by way of Lorimar Productions. Hopefully the home screen treatment will be better than the feature film version.

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More good reading:

Prolific Hollywood historian Bob Thomas who has previously written biographies of Harry Cohn, Irving Thalberg, David O. Selznick, Walter Winchell, Howard Hughes and Marlon Brando has a new one on the shelves called "Walt Disney, An American Original."

Reading it, you may not be surprised to learn that Disney got off to a slow start financially, having begun his professional life selling candy, peanuts and soda pop on a train in Missouri.

Disney's early, lean days have been widely reported.

But you may be amazed to learn that, during the Disneyland birth pangs, he was so strapped he had to borrow on his life insurance.

"I've always been bored with just making money," Disney said. "I've wanted to do things; I wanted to build things. Get something going."

People In The News

Six first-time donors joined the Bloodline at the Bloodmobile visit at the Agawam Congregational Church on January 24. They were: MARJORIE BARR, MARION EKSTEDT, ELIZABETH GAUDREAU, JOHN HAUSER, JUDY JOCK and JAMES LOWELL.

LENA MALLETTE has been appointed residential chairman of the Agawam Heart Campaign to be held the month of February. As residential chairman, Mrs. Mallette will direct Agawam volunteers as part of the national effort to distribute information and collect money in February.

ROBERT BORGATTI, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Borgatti of Feeding Hills has been accepted in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Mr. Borgatti is a junior at Clark University in Worcester, a self-designed major or psychology, sociology, and special education. A part-time employee of the Worcester Public School system, Borgatti, upon graduating, plans on entering a career of social work and special education for emotionally-disturbed children and children with learning disabilities.

CLARK GREENOUGH of 142 Silver Street was recognized by the highest possible award from the local council, the Silver Beaver of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Greenough was commended for his 30 years of service as a Cub Scout through Eagle rank, his work in three Scout Troops as Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster and 10 years of Scoutmaster service to Troop 89 of Agawam sponsored by the Agawam Lions' Club.

BRUCE RICHARD CONANT was recently promoted to Sergeant after graduating first in his class from NCO Training Academy at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is a 1972 graduate of Agawam High School, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Agawam. He is married to the former Lenore Masciotra and has two children. Sgt. Wilson is now attached to the 317th ENGR. BN., and currently stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

STUDENTS STUDY ACCOUNTING



L-R Dave Fearn, Mr. Altobelli, Sue Pacewicz, and Betty Rogers.

Students in the Advance Accounting Class at Agawam High School will try to earn money for college expenses by preparing federal and state income taxes for students and adults who do not itemize. The students will charge a fee of \$2.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults.

Mr. Altobelli, the accounting teacher, expects more people to prepare the short form this year because of the increase in the standard deduction. The standard deduction has increased from a minimum of \$1,700 to a maximum of \$2,800 for this year, depending on one's income and marital status.

Although senior citizens who are married and both are 65 years old do not have to file a federal return if their gross income is under \$5,100, they should file a state return to receive their refund if they earned under \$5,000.00.

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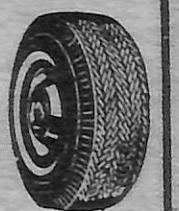
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Final figures for 1976 were recently reported on the rate of inflation--which dropped to four per cent for the year. This was highly encouraging news and the lowest rate of inflation in any major nation in the West except Germany and Switzerland.

The reduced rate is a feather in the cap of the Ford Administration. Holding down inflation is a must in holding down justified wage and price increases and in increasing the buying power of all Americans.

Mr. Ford, who stressed the fight on inflation while President, can take comfort in the 1976 result. It was a notable achievement during a year of slow, but definite, economic upturn.

Look Alike?

Do people who have lived together many years begin to look alike? That's often the impression one gets, especially of a man and wife who have shared decades together.

There is, however, no solid evidence to substantiate such a theory, but it's true beyond a doubt that such couples develop mutual interests, perhaps expressions, perhaps a like humor and perhaps mannerisms which are very similar.

Facial expressions, then, are probably the personality factor which become so much alike, between two people who have lived together many years. Perhaps a similar diet also plays a role. But we do see many couples who seem to grow to look alike over the years. What do you think, gentle reader?

Seed Catalogs

This is the time of year we dream visions of grandeur while looking through seed catalogues. The pictures of the full-grown fruit or vegetables make the mouth water, and we anticipate great things.

These great expectations often come down to earth as the season gets underway and the insects, weather and weeds do their natural part. On the other hand, sometimes we are amply rewarded with the fruits of our labor (and for financial outlay) and these become the memorable years.

Growing flowers or vegetables, like just about everything else these days, is a science. If one approaches the process with the latest scientific knowledge and know-how, results can be quite good.

A garden is both good exercise and fun, if one doesn't make it too large on the basis of spring enthusiasm derived from pictures in catalogues. And the time may come when a knowledge of gardening and growing things will be important to your survival.

St. Valentine's Day

There were three Saint Valentines, all living in the second half of the third century; one is thought to have been a priest of Rome, another was a bishop and little is known of the other. But they were all martyrs and were connected in the popular mind with the people.

Later, in Middle Ages Europe, the day known as St. Valentine's Day was associated with lovers. In the fifteenth century English writers refer to the day as one when birds (and maybe humans!) choose mates.

Costume balls are a feature of Valentine's Day and in countries where Mardi Gras or Frasnig celebrations are extravagant there are always gala celebrations that day or night.

However it came about, boys and girls soon began exchanging Valentines. And hearts still beat faster when one's best girl, or best beau, sends an especially lovely Valentine. The custom has spread to husbands and wives and others, and is a nice one--even if over-commercialized.

It's good to be remembered and to be loved and Valentine's Day prompts such expressions. The world unquestionably needs more love, and less hatred, and that is, in part, the message of February 14th.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND OFFICERS, (l-r) Caren Ouelette, Librarian; Anna Nascembeni, President; Gary Bouchard Treasurer; Mark Rolland, Manager; Robin Robinson, Vice-President; Mary DeGrandpre, Secretary.

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FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 1977

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FEBRUARY 12, 1977

Chicken Dinner
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FEBRUARY 12, 1977

Family Style
Ham Supper
5-6:30 P.M.

Agawam Baptist Church
Mr. & Mrs. Club

FEBRUARY 14, 1977

Valentine Dessert
Card Party
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FEBRUARY 14, 1977

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Donna Allen, owner of the Travel Consultants, started her agency in Agawam in Feb. 1976. Donna is a graduate of Central Travel School, receiving her diploma in 1974. She also attended TWA Breech Academy in Kansas City, with a diploma in sales and marketing. She has completed courses in selling cruises and charters. She is the wife of Robert C. Allen of Southampton and the mother of four children. Plants are her hobby and she is also an avid bowler. She also enjoys travelling through Europe, Caribbean and most of the United States.

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AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

by Julie Dubuque

On Tuesday evening, February 15, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual International Supper. Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, International Affairs Chairman, will be hostess for the evening. Guest speaker will be James G. Sheldon, noted professor and lecturer of the Arts from Western New England College, who will entertain club members and their husbands, plus past presidents of the Agawam Junior Women's Club who are annually invited to attend. A slide presentation will be shown on one of Dr. Sheldon's trips abroad. A buffet dinner will be served, consisting of a large variety of foreign dishes made by club members.

Table decorations will be handmade Bonzai gardens, and the girls will be dressed in different costumes of foreign countries. A "Foreign Policy" game will be played. The Captain Charles Leonard House will be the setting for the International Supper which will begin at 6:45 p.m.

C.R.O.P.

C.R.O.P. members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold a mock "Baby Shower" for C.R.O.P. on Tuesday, February 15. All members are asked to bring a small baby gift to the meeting, which will be sent to the Regional Office in East Longmeadow. C.R.O.P. is part of the World Hunger Association, and the baby items will be forwarded to the countries where they are needed.

ALCOHOLISM IN WOMEN

Ruta Roberts from the Agawam Span Center was the guest speaker at a special meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Pat Lloyd, Public Affairs chairman of the AJWC. The topic for the evening was "Alcoholism in Women" and the many affects it has on the lives of everyone it touches. Mrs. Lloyd announced a new publication "Alcohol Abuse and Women: A Guide to Getting Help," and is available free of charge from National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information, P.O. Box 209, Dept. F., Rockville, Maryland 20850. Alcoholism in Women is one of the special projects of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership. The AJWC will continue to spread that alcohol drinking is our NUMBER ONE national health problem.

FRENCH LESSONS

Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, International Affairs chairman of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, conducted a series of French lessons for club members. The lessons were held in three consecutive sessions in January at her home. Members learned how to order a meal in a French restaurant; how to ask directions and read International signs; and the difference in currency and value.

Councilman Theroux Picked As Outstanding Young Man



The Agawam Jaycees at their Seventh Annual Banquet have selected Town Council President Richard M. Theroux as the Outstanding Young Man for 1977.

The award is given each year to a young man in Agawam who has shown leadership and a concern for his community.

Theroux who was a town meeting member at 18 and a councilman at age 19 is serving his third term on the Agawam Town Council.

He has served as vice-president of the Town Council and also president. He was re-elected president for the current term.

Theroux is employed in the Springfield School System and is an instructor in Government at S.T.C.C. in Springfield, Mass. He resides at 23 Woodside Drive, Agawam, Mass.

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INSIDE TV JOEY SASSO



TV REPORT -- In public, David Soul shrugs and says he understands Paul Michael Glaser's decision to quit "Starsky And Hutch" if he can get released from his contract. But in private, David is frank about his disappointment, since it's pretty certain the show will be cancelled if Paul quits ... He's 35 and never been married, but John Schuck of "McMillan" and "Holmes And Yoyo" is ready. So he's let the word out that he's looking for a wife. To show he's serious, John just bought a huge house in the San Fernando Valley... Valerie Harper and husband Dick Schaal say they've never been happier since they attended marriage encounter sessions in San Francisco. So even though their marital woes are "all better now," they still hike up to San Francisco once a month for a refresher.

TV TICKER -- Indignant quote from Cher Bono Allman: "If I spent all the time I'm reported to be shopping, I wouldn't have time for my TV show or my children!" With that she dashed into a fashionable shoppe on Hollywood Boulevard to spend two hours picking out blue jeans and boots. So many boxes were piled up around her when she was through that they wouldn't all go into her car; she hired a cab to get the overflow home in ... Once and for all, here's the lowdown on Robert Heyges. On

"Welcome Back, Kotter," he plays Epstein, the "sweathog" who's Puerto Rican and Jewish. Well, as it happens, Heyges is half Hungarian, half Italian and Catholic. No typecasting there! Now that the 25-year-old actor has made it (and can afford it) he and his wife Mary want to have little "sweathogs".

TV BACKSTAGE -- What do you do if you miff your big chance? If you're John Travolta, you wait for the next one. Four years ago, the producers of a new TV series, "Happy Days," were searching for an actor to play the role of Fonzie. John, then 18, auditioned. He lost out to another unknown, Henry Winkler. "I dealt with the disappointment pretty well," John told me. "The original part of Fonzie was written for a blond guy, and I wasn't blond. So before I read, I kept asking myself, 'What if I get it -- would I dye my hair blond?'" That eased the blow. Before the audition John learned his craft in summer stock and TV commercials. But like every young actor, he yearned for an important role. As it turned out, the blond hair wasn't that crucial. The "Happy Days" producers chose Winkler just as he was. "When the show came on and became a hit," John said, "I thought, 'I could have been The Fonz after all!' But I never felt I had lost my one big chance. I knew there would be another."

A BIG WINNER AT BIG Y



Congratulations to Mr. Maro Arthur Cooley upon winning \$1,000 in Big Y instant money game. Mr. Cooley received his winning ticket at the Agawam Big Y. Store manager, Frank Blakiewicz is shown presenting the check to Mr. Cooley at the store.



What medicines should not be packaged in child proof containers? -- H.P.

Any medicine which you have to be able to take quickly should not be packaged in child proof containers. For example, people who have heart conditions or asthma attacks should not be burdened by fumbling with a child proof container of life saving medicine while having an attack. A recent story illustrates the problem. A cardiac patient died of a heart attack because he was unable to remove his nitroglycerine tablets from the container.

Is it true that if you get in a draft and get chilled you will catch a cold? -- L.M.

Exhaustive studies at England's famed Common Cold Research Unit showed that persons drenched with water and then subjected to cold temperatures were no more susceptible to cold infections than volunteers who were adequately dressed and kept dry. There is no proof that getting a chill will cause a cold.

Is it true that women who take thyroid tablets have a higher incidence of breast cancer? -- B.M.

A recent study indicated there is a direct relationship between thyroid supplements and incidence of breast cancer in women. Also, the longer the duration of thyroid supplement therapy, the higher the incidence of breast cancer.

Crafts Corner

by Andrea Gallano-Lemme

PHOTO COLLAGE

A photo collage is a great gift for a friend or relative that lives far away and doesn't get to see the family outside of special occasions. I found them ideal for grandparents who live close by.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Old photos, clear lacquer (optional), colored construction paper, white glue (as long as it dries clear), scissors, India ink and pen (a fountain pen will work also), and a picture frame (8 x 10 is a good size).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut out the pictures of the people you want in your collage into different shapes and sizes.
2. Glue them either close together or slightly overlapping onto the construction paper leaving enough room on the side or middle.
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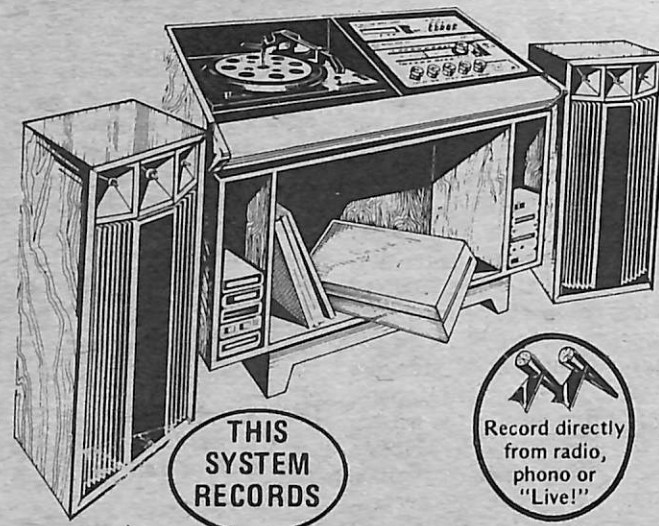
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SPORTSMEN'S
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By BILL CHIBA

Billy Burnett, former rainer of the Springfield Indians has lined up a Sports Night at the Victor Emmanuel Hall, High Street, Agawam. The event will be held March 4, starting off with a feed and then the activities will include well-known celebrities. Rollie Jacobs, Sports Director for TV 22 and Jack O'Neill from Channel 40 will speak and answer questions from the sport enthusiasts in attendance. As a final touch, for the hockey fan, Ted Shore, Jr. will be on hand. The fee will be \$3.00. You can't find a better or cheaper night to enjoy yourself. Bring your kids — they will get a kick out of it, and besides, you will know where your child is at 9 p.m.

I think that the hardest fishermen in town are a trio of buddies who let nothing stand in their way when it comes to ice fishing. They are Bill Kozak, Johnnie Whyte, and Angie Borgatti. Angie acknowledged that they have been doing only fair this past month. Bill is more articulate when he reports that the fish are not hitting in Mass., Vermont and N.Y. Bill blames the cold

weather. Doug Kerr, Agawam fireman, spent a very cold afternoon in Otis recently and landed one small perch.

I recall that last year at this time, Angie hailed me and invited me to see a sight for sore eyes. Strewn out on his garage floor were nearly five hundred calico bass and yellow perch. Angie was just starting to clean and skin the catch. I confess, I never have seen a fish cleaned and skinned so fast. It took him just a matter of seconds to prepare a fish. All he used was a small pocket knife and his fingers. The catch was made at White Lilly Lake. My hat is off to Angie and his cohorts, they utilize every fish they catch. Not one fish is wasted. At the price of fish today, their fishing success is more meaningful.

Just received the final tally from Vermont on deer, bear and turkey 1976 season.

The October bow and arrow deer season count was 1200 even. November's buck season total came to 10,278. Turkeys kept a lot of hunters busy in 1976 with 152 being taken in the spring gobbler season and 143 in the fall either-sex season. Turkey permits issued came to 6,228 in the spring and 7,920 in the fall. The black bear season total was 263.

We have a new Director of Forests and Parks. He is Mr. Gilbert Bliss, a 22-year career employee of the department. Mr. Bliss will be responsible for the recreation, forestry development, forest fire and insect pest control programs carried on by the division. The Division of Forests and Parks manages 250,000 acres of department-owned land, 18 ice rinks and 19 swimming pools.

THE PATRIOT YEARS
Stirring words from
Thomas Paine

Copley News Service

From the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia, winter of 1776, 200 years ago:

THE AMERICAN CRISIS. Number 1.

By the Author of COMMON SENSE.

These are the times that try men's souls.

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly. 'Tis dearness only that gives everything its value.

I have as little superstition in me as any man living, but my secret opinion has ever been, and still is, that GOD Almighty will not give up a people to military destruction, or leave them unsupported to perish, who had so earnestly and so repeatedly sought to avoid the calamities of war, by every decent method which wisdom could invent.

'Tis surprising to see how

rapidly a panic will sometimes run through a country. Yet panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before. But their peculiar advantage is, that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy. Many a disguised Tory has lately shewn his head.

And what is a Tory? Good God! What is he? I should not be afraid to go with an hundred Whigs against a thousand Tories, were they to attempt to get into arms. Every Tory is a coward, for a servile, slavish, self-interested fear is the foundation of Toryism; and a man under such influence, though he may be cruel, never can be brave.

America could carry on a two years war by the confiscation of the property of disaffected persons, and be made happy by their expulsion.

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With Tom Paine's impassioned prose, we conclude our three-year Bicentennial series of excerpts from Colonial newspapers. Philadelphia was to fall to the British in the following September but the patriots fought on for more than four years until the final victory when Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown in 1781.

Fireplace Advice

Those of us who grew up in an era when most homes had fireplaces often forget many youngsters today are relatively unfamiliar with their benefits and some of their requirements.

A building expert recently remarked that too many modern Americans are unaware that fireplaces consume much oxygen—and that in the present energy crunch many adding them to their homes for heating purposes overlook the need for ventilation.

Especially in tightly enclosed apartments or homes, where metal fireplaces are most conveniently installed, it should be remembered that burning an open fire without window openings or other air inlets can be dangerous, and can make inhabitants sick.

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Niacin is very
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By SHIRLEY BRIGHT
BOODY,
Registered Dietitian
Copley News Service

Niacin, a water-soluble vitamin, is part of the B complex and was formerly known as nicotinic acid. Its white crystalline substance was first isolated from bran and yeast in 1912, but was not identified with any disease until many years later.

In the early 1800s symptoms of a malady among the poor people of Spain and Italy were recorded. Corn was the principal part of the diet for the people of both countries. The Spanish called the problem "mal de la rosa" and the Italians named it "pellagra."

It was not until 1917 that the disease was connected with the diet and at that time there were many conflicting theories. One was that the high intake of refined maize, or corn, containing a toxic mold was responsible. Molasses and salt pork were often the only other ingredients in the diet of the poor.

Amino acid imbalance was a suggested cause, and because of skin symptoms of pellagra which are aggravated by sunshine, sun poisoning was erroneously diagnosed. The crowded unsanitary living conditions of many pellagra sufferers led

to the theory that a parasitic infection was the villain.

In 1917, a physician working with the U.S. Public Health Service produced pellagra by diet restrictive measures thereby confirming his theory that the disease was a nutritional deficiency.

His studies were conducted on a group of prisoners who were switched from prison fare to the diet of villagers where pellagra was rampant. After five months the prisoners developed the classic symptoms of pellagra; diarrhea, dermatitis and depression. Another 20 years passed before the missing nutrient was identified as nicotinic acid or niacin.

An interesting fact concerning diets low in niacin is that they do not always produce pellagra. This was explained when it was found that the amino acid, tryptophan, also was effective in curing pellagra. Its role as a precursor of niacin is now well accepted.

There is considerable evidence to show that 1 to 2 grams of niacin, taken three times daily as a medication, has a cholesterol-lowering effect on blood levels. It also leads to lowered triglyceride and lipoprotein levels in the blood.

Niacin is easily absorbed and is stored in the body to a

limited extent, excesses being excreted. In establishing daily requirements of this water-soluble vitamin, and its intimate connection with the release of energy from food, it was found that 33 mg. is sufficient for most adult needs. Pregnancy and lactation increase the need for additional niacin.

Most American diets contain sufficient good protein to supply adequate amounts of niacin. The major food sources are meat, poultry, liver and peanut butter. Milk and eggs, although low in niacin, are high in the amino acid tryptophan which is converted to niacin.

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Dear Shirley:

Is it necessary to add salt to one's diet, or can you get it from food?

Miss J.B.

Dear Miss J.B.:

The average American diet is sufficiently high in sodium without adding salt. The addition of salt is primarily for improving flavor.

Dear Shirley:

How much vitamin E is too much?

Mrs. S.T.

Dear Mrs. S.T.:

I would not suggest over 400 I.U. per day, although excess levels have not been established.

Questions may be sent to Shirley Bright Boody, Eat Yourself Slim, Copley News Service, in care of this newspaper.

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Nancy Harrison, a Director of SPAN Center, will serve as chairperson of SPANFEST, the SPAN Center Antiques, Crafts, and Folk Festival, slated for April 30 and May 1, at Shea's Field in Agawam. Ms. Harrison stated that SPAN hoped to attract craftspeople, exhibitors, and performers from throughout the area, to SPANFEST. The Festival serves as SPAN'S major fund-raiser.

SPAN Center, under the direction of Dr. Sam Femiano, provides counseling services and programs to area residents, without charge. SPAN Center is funded through the Dept. of Mental Health, Drug Abuse Foundation of Hampden County, and the Town of Agawam. A large portion of its funding is derived from private sources, and it is this source which is becoming more important to the needs of SPAN, as operating budget demands increase.

Those desiring more information about SPANFEST may contact Dr. Femiano, or Ms. Harrison, at SPAN Center.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold an Evening of Renewal Monday, February 14, at St. Alphonsus College, Suffield, Conn.

Mass will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. with choral music furnished by the Seminarians at the college. Celebrant of the mass, Rev. Max Pauli, has chosen LOVE as his topic for discussion. Father Pauli, a member of the Redemptorist Order, is assistant dean and registrar of the college. He has written two musicals and is presently at work on a musical based on the life of the soon-to-be canonized Blessed John Neumann. Father Pauli is also author of the book PRAYERS FOR THE TIME BEING.

Following the mass, club members and their guests will be taken on a tour of the college and refreshments will be served. Hospitality chairwoman, Mrs. Alexander Toczko, will be assisted by Mrs. Arthur Gaboury, Mrs. J. Rene Hamel, Mrs. Ernest Marino and Mrs. Armand Phaneuf.

Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, chairwoman of the evening, would like to have club members invite friends to attend this affair.

Club events scheduled for the remainder of the season include: March 21, annual dinner meeting and entertainment program; March 30, fashion show; April 11, guest night; May 17, banquet and installation of officers.

COMING EVENTS

"Arts & Crafts Show," Sunday, March 6, Agawam High School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibitors Welcome! Please contact Mrs. Lena Mallette as soon as possible by calling 786-3858. Sponsored by the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard.

DESSERT CARD PARTY, February 14, 1977, 1:00 p.m., Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Donation \$1.25. Call church office 786-7111 mornings, except Wednesday to reserve a table.

FAMILY-STYLE HAM SUPPER, Cooked by the Mr. and Mrs. Club, Agawam Baptist Church, Saturday, February 12, 1977, 5-6:30 p.m. Adults \$2.75, Children (under 10) 99¢. For reservations call 786-7410. MENU — Baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted pies, coffee, tea or milk.

For those people who did not have a chance to donate blood at the last Bloodmobile visit, there will be another visit in Agawam on February 19. This visit, sponsored by the Agawam Jaycees, will be held at the Agawam Food Mart from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments WILL BE NECESSARY for this visit and can be made by calling the Red Cross Chapter House of Maple Street, Springfield.

St. Anthony's Church, Springfield, Mass. will hold a St. Maron Dinner Dance at the OAKS BANQUET HOUSE-KIMBALL TOWERS: 140 Chestnut Street, Springfield, Mass., February 19, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Zayek, Bishop McGuire, Mayor Sullivan and others will be in attendance. Lebanese and American music. Donation \$12.50 per person. For information, reservations and tickets, please contact Mr. Nelson Saliba 733-5329, Mrs. Ann Malkoon 739-9268 or Mr. Nick Nichols at 567-1126.

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Rice, which is grown in water, is an economically

viable crop in the U.S. only through the use of air application. The high cost of hand labor required to cultivate flooded rice fields would prohibit production. "So through ag aviation, the U.S. can export a surplus of two million metric tons of rice each year," says Higbee.

Densely planted crops, such as wheat and hay, are also cultivated by air. Ground equipment can damage plants and is less efficient in large fields. Fields of any crop, muddy from rain or irrigation, can be treated from the air, where ground equipment could not be brought in until the land is sun dried.

Farmers, ranchers and foresters benefit from the fact that airplanes and copters go where tractors cannot. But so does everyone else, for that is just one of the ways this industry helps cut the nation's food bill by \$15 billion.

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Letters to DEBORAH WHITE

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PETE

DEAR PETE:

You should have invested in a wall tapestry instead of a rug. Rugs were meant to be walked on. As far as likening your place to a Japanese restaurant, remember they take off their shoes for reasons of tradition. You seem to want to take their shoes off out of a compulsive need for cleanliness. Sorry, in this instance I'm for shoes on.

DEAR DEBBIE:

My husband recently

quit his job and opened his own sign shop in the garage. People are walking in and out of my house every day whom I have never seen before. The phone rings constantly and the house is filled with rolls of paper, paints, unfinished posters, metal signs, sandwich boards. Also trucks in the driveway waiting to have names painted on their sides. On top of that our bills go unpaid because my husband has hired too many helpers. He also expects me to make coffee and sandwiches for him and his help. His old art studio boss called three times asking him to come back and he has said "No, I like being my own boss."

GOING BANANAS

DEAR BANANAS:

I don't blame you. Tell your husband he's got until the end of the month to organize his operation or move into a shop, or you're going to

sign-off yourself to save your sanity.

DEAR DEBBIE:

I'm 21 and a secretary and I have always thought I was old enough to know what I was doing, but the other night the young man whom I have been seriously dating, invited me to his apartment for a drink. While I was there he received two calls he wasn't expecting. I could see he was rattled and I was shocked that he lied outright telling one girl he just got out of the shower and another that his mother was there and he couldn't talk. After he hung up he told me the calls were from two men, but I distinctly heard female voices on the other end. What do I do with this guy? He really wants me to believe he's in love with me and that he's completely faithful.

BROKEN-HEARTED DEAR BROKEN:

If you're really sharp, and I think you are, you'll drop this phony. Not only did he lie to you, but to two others as well. How can a man like this ask you to believe him when he lies on the telephone in your presence? The only way I'd talk to him again is by long distance.

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Midwives back in business

Mounting numbers of middle-income women are having their babies delivered by midwives, doctors report. The women say they are unhappy over high doctors' fees and that midwives offer a higher quality of care.

UNICO ANNUAL MACARONI DINNER

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold its 16th Annual Macaroni and Meatball Dinner at the Agawam High School Cafeteria on Sunday, March 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

James V. Bruno, Sr., the president of Agawam UNICO, has named Paul C. Cavallo chairman for the event, and Ray Girotti will serve as co-chairman. Bruno will be honorary chairman for the dinner. Paul Ferrarini

is publicity chairman.

Proceeds from the event will benefit UNICO's scholarship fund and other UNICO charities. UNICO has awarded \$1,800 annually in scholarship aid to Agawam High School students.

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CRISWELL PREDICTS

I PREDICT that 1977 will be the year that the nation of Ireland comes back into world-wide importance. This will also be the year of "recalls" of many politicians who are in office, but who have irritated the voters to such an extent that a successful recall could be carried out. Many officeholders feel they are safely elected, but their dreams will be shattered overnight by a recall. I predict a new gimmick in the TV giveaway shows in England. A famous funeral home will offer as first prize a free funeral. France will be on the medical kick. One of its shows will offer as a prize a free diagnosis and free operation if needed.

COUPONS ARE THE RAGE -- Shopping centers, department stores and supermarkets will print more coupons in their advertising than ever before. Discount coupons bring in customers. The radio and television may bring them in, but coupons are the magnet. Coupons a woman carries in her purse are like money; she must spend it. I predict Hollywood will be in a turmoil when the foreign market tells them what they want, and rejects all other films. Foreign audiences do not like to see graphic taking of drugs, heavy drinking and brutality to humans and animals. The Orientals revere age and would rather see the older actors than the present younger crop being merchandised. Beware of counterfeit currency that will be coming down from Canada. Some of the bills will be good enough to pass inspection by bank tellers. Coastal areas of our nation will find acres of dead fish which will have been killed by a sea termite. This new and exasperating tragedy will cause much financial loss to the resorts.

COLOR TV -- I predict the biggest change in radio and television habits will take place in late June of this year when the portable \$100 color television will be imported from Japan. Everyone will rush for this bargain, for many who do not have a color TV set will buy one for \$100. Radio popularity will decline. Merchants will enjoy a bonanza. I predict that the "singles" clubs will be replaced by the adult older citizens "Lonely Hearts Cafeteria" where you may wander through and get acquainted with one of your choice. I predict that the government will control the price of space rental for motor homes, which will result in a new boom. I predict an unruly behavior of the sea which will crest at odd hours and result in tidal waves. These unexpected tidal waves will destroy much property with loss of life. The northeastern states will be plagued.

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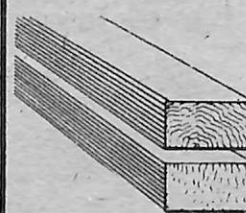
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Smith's Point

Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia made a valid point in recently rejecting a proposal of the Geneva conference for almost-immediate black rule there, with no specific guarantees for white minority rights.

The Kissinger initiative in southern Africa brought with it a United States pledge to support a two-year transition period Smith had proposed (at Secretary Kissinger's urging) plus a guarantee for white minority rights.

The British chairman of the recent ill-fated Geneva meeting abandoned this pledge in the face of pressure and threats from black nationalists. Worst, black nations also joined the so-called Black Front, backed by Moscow.

Smith's response, at what he viewed as a broken pledge on agreed conditions for a power transition, are worth noting:

"Don't let's beat about the bush. If that takes place (an immediate Black Front takeover with no guarantees for the white minority), the Russians will take over this country and if that happens this is the beginning of the end for the whole of southern Africa. I believe if the free world loses southern Africa, that would be a disaster for the future of the free world."

Secretary of State Vance and President Carter should stand by the U.S. commitment to a two-year transition of power with guarantees for white minority rights, despite Britain's weaker or give-in position. There's a point of moral principle beyond which Washington should not go. If so, we would be merely encouraging the exchange of one undemocratic regime for another, and discrimination against one race for discrimination against another.

In view of conditions and attainment levels in Rhodesia today, a two-year transition of authority there is not unreasonable nor unwise, and therefore not undemocratic. And it may be the only chance moderates have of assuming power in Salisbury, moderates without a built-in, alien hatred of the West and free enterprise.

Military Waste

President Carter's men are rightly cutting military spending programs in the Pentagon. The bureaucracy there has wasted billions in recent years on inferior weapons, duplication, and buddy-buying. The question is whether the new Administration can really do anything about it?

The military industrial complex is powerful and influential, the Air Force lobby especially. The billions involved are corrupting to those who spend it. The retirement goodies available to military and civilian personnel involved produce one scandal after another.

A tremendous waste exists in today's pay system for our voluntary armed forces. Instead of a duty to one's country, as a brief span of military or civilian service for the nation's young should be envisioned, the system today is designed to lure personnel into the armed services with high pay and early fat retirement pay. That's why most of today's military budget—which should go for weapons—goes to salaries and retirement (many retire after only 20 years on 75% of active duty pay).

Retirees can then take civil service jobs and earn another retirement! A recent study shows some 141,000 retired military personnel are now in civil service jobs, still receiving high military retirement pay while drawing full salaries in their new jobs. This cozy system is fast growing, as more and more take advantage of it, and pensions for retirees with civil service jobs are already costing the taxpayers close to a billion dollars a year. Most of these jobholders are under fifty; they'll be enjoying fat military pensions plus very good civil service pay, plus another pension in the years to come. The bill is sure to go up and up.

The whole defense pay system is badly in need of economies, reform and reorganization. Something like universal service for young people is absolutely mandatory if the nation is to keep abreast of Russia in arms without bankrupting the nation. Much greater emphasis must now be placed on conventional arms, if nuclear deterrent is to be deemphasized. Far greater production of good tanks, more inexpensive close support aircraft and more standardization of weapons is a must.

If President Carter can move the military bureaucracy and the nation in this direction he will be the first President to do so in decades, and will have accomplished a reform which could mean no less than the survival of the free enterprise system and political freedom in the western world in the years to come.

NEWS VIEWS

Michael Blumenthal,
Treasury Secretary:
"We are beginning at the treasury to look now at the tax proposals we want to make later this year."

Alan Cranston, Senate (D-Calif.), on U.S. ambassador to U.N.:
"Young's appointment is a symbol of great progress in civil rights and equality in our land."

Jimmy Carter, President, in Pittsburgh:
"The reason for my being here is to emphasize that this temporary shortage is going to be permanent. . ."

Joseph A. Califano Jr.,
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare:

"This will be an administration vigorously involved in the enforcement of civil rights for minorities, women and the handicapped."

Walter Mondale, Vice President:

"We can all pray that progress will see the day when this kind of wall (Berlin Wall) will disappear."

Robert L. F. Sikes, Congressman (D-Fla), being ousted from key chairmanship:

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By Margaret Taeger

During the last month, our Furniture-Fund Drive grew nicely, thanks to three generous checks from the following donors: Mrs. Meissner's Senior Citizens' Dance Class in Springfield, the Agawam Democratic Women's Club and Mr. Tom Hyland. Please accept our sincere thanks!

The lucky winner of our last raffle was Mrs. Medeleine Harper. We are sure, that during the coming Christmas season, she will enjoy those beautiful pillow cases.

Congratulations to Mrs. Odette Benjamin for being named "Agawam Senior Citizen of the Year."

There is an opening at the Senior Center for a position as visitor to shut-ins. It is funded through the Elder Service Corps, pays \$100 per month for 18 hours per week and is open to any Senior with a car. If you are interested in this kind of work, please contact the Senior Center as soon as possible.

We will also have an opening for a dishwasher at the

new Senior Center, two to three hours per day, at \$2.50 per hour. We will have a modern commercial dishwasher, but there are still all those pots and pans that need constant attention. Again, please call us at the Center, or better yet, come in and fill out an application.

Since January 3, the Senior Center has a chef and is cooking its own Meals-on-Wheels, as well as the Monday lunch at the Center. If you know of a Senior who is mentally or physically unable to prepare her own meal, or if you have just come out of the hospital and need this supportive service, or if you are sick, please call us. The meals are hot, delicious and just 50 cents, and are brought right into your kitchen.

If you do not have MEDICARE B, you can now apply for it. Please check your Medicare cards and see if you have this insurance. Medicare B pays the doctor bills, Medicare A only the hospital. New applications are being taken ONLY ONCE A YEAR, and the deadline is March 31st.

MISS AGAWAM SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

"That's Entertainment" will be the theme of the fifth annual Miss Agawam Scholarship Pageant to be held on Saturday, April 2, 1977. For the fifth consecutive year, the Agawam Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes have begun plans to make this year's event, a pageant extravaganza.

Co-chairman Bob Ferris and Ted Zern emphasize the fact that the Agawam Pageant is NOT a "beauty pageant" where contestants are judged solely on their physical appearance. Instead, it is their belief that no other activity affords young women more of an opportunity to develop poise, self-confidence, and self awareness. Equally important, as an officially franchised preliminary to the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, the Miss Agawam Pageant is part of the single largest scholarship foundations for young women in the world. Locally, over \$6,000 in scholarships and gifts have been awarded to contestants since the pageant's inception in 1973.

When the curtain opens on pageant night, contestants will be judged in four distinct categories with the major emphasis being placed on talent, on-stage personality, and evening gown competition. In addition, each contestant is carefully interviewed by a panel of judges to determine the young women's poise and future ambition. Any single woman between the ages of 17 and 26 is cordially invited to participate. Miss Cindy Ainsworth, a 1976 Agawam High graduate, is the reigning Miss Agawam.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Marie Ferris 786-5113 or Roxanne Zern 786-1679 or by writing the Miss Agawam Scholarship Pageant, P.O. Box 101, Agawam, Ma. 01001.

QUICK QUIZ! BY THOMPSON

Why not put a stamp on your postal I.Q. by taking this quick quiz?

1. Rates for first class mail are lowest in which of these countries (a) Great Britain (b) United States (c) Japan (d) Sweden?

2. Putting curbside mail boxes on street corners would have what effect on our senior citizens (a) help them (b) have no effect (c) hurt them?

3. The country with the largest mail in the world is (a) West Germany (b) Soviet Union (c) United States (d) Great Britain?

4. If Congress doesn't authorize a substantial subsidy to the postal service, the rate for a first class letter will increase to what amount in the next five years (a) 17 cents (b) 19 cents (c) 21 cents (d) 23 cents?

ANSWERS:

1. (b) Rates for first class mail are lowest in the United States.

2. (c) According to the National Association of Letter Carriers, the suggestion to speed mail delivery by using curbside boxes would severely inconvenience elderly social security recipients who would be obliged to walk 100 or 200 yards in all kinds of weather to pick up their mail.

POPS CONCERT AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

The POPS CONCERT will return to its original site, The Middle School Auditorium (which will be set up with tables in cafe style) and will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 11 and 12.

The musical program will include a number of light selections by the Concert Band featuring favorites of the march, theatre, popular and specialty areas.

Guest performers for the program will be Mr. David Cornish, recent graduate of the University of Conn. and a member of the music staff of the Junior High School as trumpet soloist; and a number of string players from the Junior High and Senior High who will join some of the band members for several string orchestra selections.

Also appearing on the program will be the Agawam High Jazz Band featuring Jazz-Swing and Rock numbers from the field of dance music.

Members of the Agawam High Color Guard will serve as waitresses during the evening and refreshments will be available throughout the program.

Since the Agawam High Band placed third at the State Band Contest this past fall and has been invited to the National Music Festival in Atlantic City in April, they are in the process of raising funds to attend the National Contest and proceeds from the Pops Concert and Program will be used for that event. Tickets are available from band and color guard members or at the door on concert nights.

Picture shows the Band Officers for this year left to right: Caren Ouellette (librarian), Anna Nascembeni (president), Gary Bouchard (treasurer), Mark Rolland (manager), Robin Robinson (vice-president), and Mary DeGrandpre (secretary).



ROMANCE AND RICHNESS OF RUFFLES

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A full ruffle requires a strip of fabric which is twice the length of the garment edge where it will be applied. Triple the length provides a richer appearance.

The depth of the ruffle should be in proportion to the length of the skirt. A long skirt requires a wider ruffle than a short skirt, for example. At the same time, a wide ruffle needs more fullness than a narrow one. Ruffles may be single or double.

Before cutting a ruffle on the straight grain, trim the selvage. Draw a thread close to the edge. Use this as a guideline. Measure the width needed with a yardstick and draw a line with sharp chalk. Mark on wrong side of fabric.

For bias strips, draw threads on four sides of a large square of fabric. Bring the lower right corner to the upper left, forming a triangle. Press the crosswise fold. Using this as a guideline, mark off the strips.

Join bias strips on the straight grain. Press the seams open. Stabilize edges of a bias strip by stitching a row of regulation machine stitches. This also makes it easier to hem a bias strip.

Hem ruffling before applying to the dress using a narrow machine-stitched hem. After hemming, divide ruffle in four sections. Machine-baste two rows of stitching one-eighth inch apart, using buttonhole twist in bobbin. Apply these rows of stitching separately to the four sections, leaving long threads at beginning and end of each section.

Divide garment edge in four areas with pins. Match sections of ruffles to those of garment. Draw up the two gathering lines of stitching, pushing the fabric along the bobbin thread.

After gathers have been drawn up, adjust fullness evenly. Ruffles may be applied with a facing or sewed on top of dress with a little heading at top of the ruffle.



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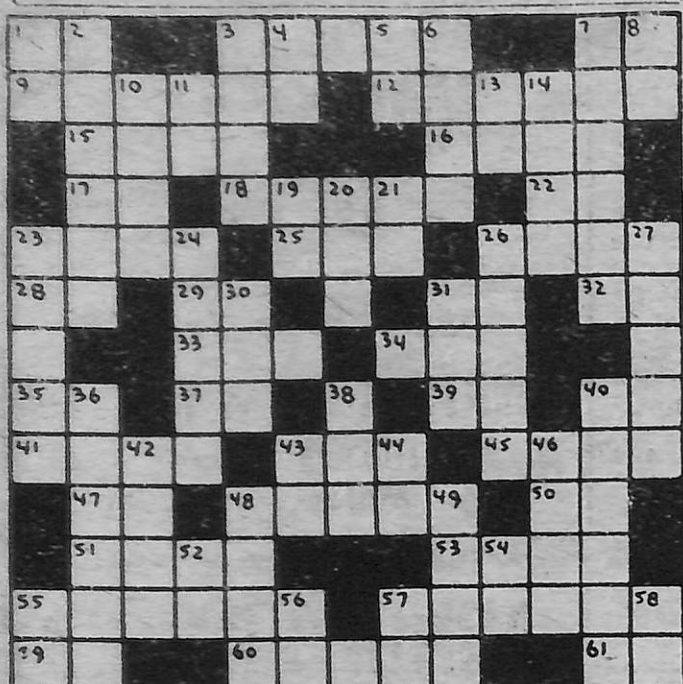
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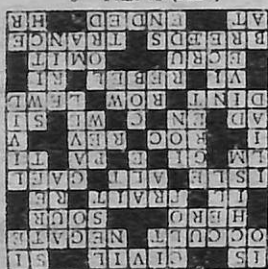
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- 1 - Exists
- 3 - Courtly
- 7 - Senior's yes
- 9 - Mysterious
- 12 - Nullify
- 15 - Leander's beloved
- 16 - "... grapes!"
- 17 - I'llium (chem.)
- 18 - Characteristic
- 22 - In reference
- 23 - ... of Capri
- 25 - The tops in music
- 26 - A Celt
- 28 - Roman 950
- 29 - American soldier
- 31 - Parent
- 32 - Musical note
- 33 - Mythological bird
- 34 - Step up the engine
- 35 - Public note
- 37 - Printer's unit
- 39 - Pronoun
- 40 - Silicon (chem.)
- 41 - Force
- 43 - Brawl
- 45 - Unclaste
- 47 - Two triples in old Rome

- 48 - Be insubordinate
- 50 - U. S. eastern state (abb.)
- 51 - Color shade
- 53 - Neglect
- 55 - Generates
- 57 - Coma
- 59 - Preposition
- 60 - Completed
- 61 - Time unit (abb.)

DOWN

- 1 - Zeus's beloved
- 2 - Separation
- 3 - Coagulate
- 4 - Pronoun
- 5 - Preposition
- 6 - For fear that
- 7 - Public way
- 8 - That is (abb.)



SPORTS from the pressbox By RED LAKE LAND

HOTLINE ON SPORTS

Mark Fidrych was recognized for his pitching talents when the Baseball Writers Association of America voted him the Rookie of the Year last month. Now Fidrych's talents as a great fielder have earned him more recognition. The Detroit Tigers' pitcher is on the American League's unofficial "All-defensive team" after handling all 78 of his chances in the field flawlessly.

Joe Louis, visiting New York, turned philosophical about Muhammad Ali and boxing: "Ali should have retired after beating Joe Frazier in Manila. I was 37 when I fought Rocky Marciano. But I hadn't won \$23 million. I needed the money. Rocky quit on top. I think he was smart. I think Ali would have been smart to quit after he had regained the title."

Learning to be tough on the tennis tournament circuit is a quality that Dr. Renee Richards says she hasn't quite achieved. "Until I'm rolling up win after win, I won't have the ingrained confidence a winner has," the fifth-seeded Dr. Richards said in a telephone interview. "Through tennis, I can reach a lot of people," Richards told me. "To me it's a double ambition -- something I love and something I happen to be very good at."

AHS Wrestling Team Annual Banquet

The Agawam High School wrestling team will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, March 5, 1977 at the Agawam Lions Club building on the Eastern States Exposition grounds.

There will be a "Get Acquainted Hour" from 6-7 p.m. and a Roast Beef Dinner served promptly at 7 p.m.

After dinner, there will be a guest speaker. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$5.00 each, and may be purchased from any member of the banquet committee: Mr. and Mrs. Sal Morassi, Mr. and Mrs. John Timms, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coughlin.

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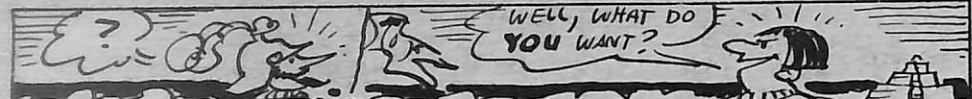
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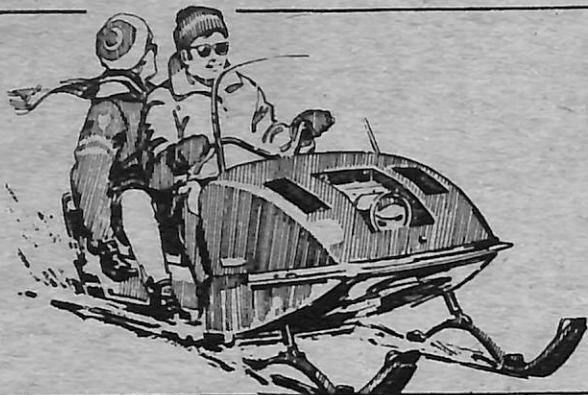
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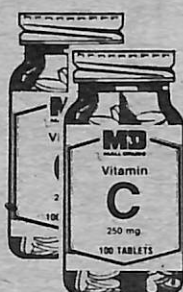
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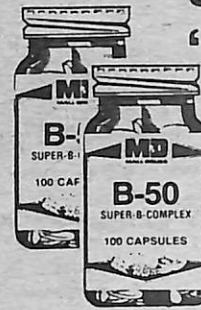
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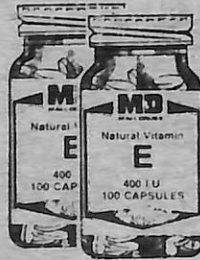
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